

Access and Preservation: A Panel Discussion

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Our collections are the largest in the world and represent a wide variety of physical formats and languages. Library of Congress staff are able to help you identify and request materials in general and specialized reading rooms. Anyone 16 years or older can come in to use the Library.

I. Library of Congress Online Catalog

- a. Many resources can be found by searching the online catalog
- b. Locating reading rooms of interest- digitized collections
- c. Ask-A-Librarian
- d. Specialized Orientations

II. General Collections

- a. Main Reading Room
- b. Local History and Genealogy
- c. Law Library
- d. Business
- e. Science and Technology
- f. Newspaper and Current Periodicals

III. Special Format Collections

- a. American Folklife Center
- b. Manuscript
- c. Geography and Map
- d. Microform
- e. Rare Book
- f. Prints and Photographs
- g. Veterans History Project

IV. International Collections

- a. African and Middle Eastern
- b. European

- c. Asian
- d. Hispanic

V. Subscription Databases (on site)

- a. Number of databases
- b. Examples from databases

VI. Preservation

- a. Collections Care
- b. Conservation
- c. Digital Preservation